

# CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH—APRIL 2015



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
I believe that knowing your City helps you respect and appreciate it better. For that reason, I am going to fill you in over the next several installments of the newsletter with some of the history of our fair City.

This month marks Fenton's 60th anniversary as a City. Yes, we have been around much longer than those sixty years, but prior to March, 1955, we were a town and not a City.

Fenton has a rich, dignified and varied history. Its history is as varied as its inhabitants, and as varied as the names under which 'history' was made here. At one time or another in our history, the place we now call Fenton was known as The Meramec Settlement, Carondelet, Bonhomme, and Fenton. And these are just the 'English' names. Minnie Ha Ha Beach (now located in Sunset Hills,) was a meeting place of Native tribes both on the Meramec and Mississippi. The earliest white settlers were here in the late 1700s, but the Mound Builders, Osage, and many other tribes beat them here by at least four centuries. As far as we know now, Minnie Ha Ha was used as a landing site for the various tribes, and was also a trading site where the tribes could trade with each other.

Fenton (before it was Fenton) was put on the map, so to speak, by Jacques Phillippe Clamorgan (1734 - 1814) - a fur trader reportedly of mixed descent including Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Haitian. He received Spanish land grants in the late 1700s (St. Louis was in Spanish hands at the time) and found part of his land contained a salt spring suitable for a salt works. That salt mine was in what is now the Fenton area. Saline Road was part of the salt works established by Clamorgan. Gravois Road, once the main thoroughfare through Fenton, also had its start because of Clamorgan's salt works. Not as "Gravois" - that name first appears in text in 1804 - but as its original name: "The Road that Leads to the Salt Spring of Clamorgan in a Wagon." That is quite a mouthful!

William Lindsay Long, who married Elizabeth Sappington (daughter of John "Jack" and Jemima Fowler Sappington) bought a parcel of land in 1818. This land would become the eight square blocks of "Olde Towne" Fenton. He sold his house in present day Affton and moved his family to his new development. The house he sold - as well as the farm it was on - was known as "White Haven", and was purchased by Frederick Dent, the father of Julia Dent Grant.

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## *Fenton Remembers Frances Pickles ...*

At the February 26th Board of Aldermen Meeting, the City of Fenton held a moment of silence to honor the memory of Alderman Frances Pickles who served sixteen years as an Alderman from 1963 - 1971 and from 1976 - 1984. Frances passed away February 18, 2015.

## ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 7, 2015**. Filing for elective office closed on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Voters will elect a Mayor for a two-year term and four Aldermen, one each from the City's four wards, for two-year terms. The polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners will notify all registered voters by mail of their respective polling place. The following is a list of candidates that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

### MAYOR

Michael D. Polizzi  
13374 Wintergreen Estates Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 1

Andrew Sobey  
734 River Hills Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 2

Wes Verble  
342 Chrysler Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 3

Darlys Preslar  
1654 Somerset Ridge

Chris Claus  
886 San Sebastian Drive

### ALDERMAN—WARD 4

James Mauller  
1500 Bowles

Vera J. Glick  
1290 Horan Drive

**For more information, contact City Clerk/Manager Diane Monteleone, MMC/MPCC at (636)343-2080.**

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

**\*\*Please note: change in date.\*\*** On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. during their regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall to consider the following:



### OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Consideration of amendments to *Chapter 480: Subdivision Regulations* and other certain Sections of the Zoning Code pertaining to Subdivision Regulations.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ A Petition by KP Development to amend the Preliminary Plat for a subdivision known as "Fenton Logistics Park" located at 1050 Dodge Drive. The property is zoned "PID" Planned Industrial Development.

### SITE PLAN REVIEW: None.

For more information, please call Community Development at (636) 349-8110.

## FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (FIRMS)

In accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements, the City of Fenton recently adopted new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). These maps, which indicate properties located within special flood hazard areas, became effective on February 4, 2015. To see if your property was affected, you may visit St. Louis County's website at <http://maps.stlouisco.com/FEMAMaps/> to view the County's new digital flood maps, which indicate properties located within flood risk areas, or you may contact the Community Development Department at (636) 349-8110 for assistance.

## SPRING LEAF PICK-UP



Spring Leaf Pick-Up will begin **the week of March 30** and will run for 4 weeks, ending **the week of April 20**. As pickups start in a different part of the City each Monday, please have your leaves out by 7:00 a.m. Leaf pick-ups will occur weekly until all areas have been serviced once. **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** Please rake to back of curbs as leaves in the gutter can wash into and clog the storm system. Leaf piles containing debris or other items will be left and picked up the following week only after the unacceptable material (ex. animal feces, bottles, etc.) are removed. **For more information, call Public Works at (636) 349-8155.**

## NEW BUSINESS CORNER

The following businesses have applied for an Occupancy Permit and are planning on calling Fenton "home":



### **AmPurity Nutraceuticals, LLC**

410 Axminister Drive

(office for beverage and supplement company)

### **St. Louis Valve & Fitting**

(a d/b/a of Forberg Scientific)

541 Axminister Drive

(sales office/warehouse for instrumentation distribution)

## TRASH TALK & YARDWASTE YAK

Come and get 'em! Your ten (10) complimentary Yard Waste/Trash Overflow Stickers for 2015 are now available at City Hall. You can pick them up Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please remember that the complimentary stickers are **only** available at City Hall, but additional stickers can always be purchased for \$1.00 each from City Hall or RiverChase. If you have questions or need alternatives for obtaining your free yard waste stickers, please contact City Hall at (636) 343-2080.



Don't forget! Our current trash and recycling contract with Christian Environmental Services offers residents the chance to dispose of one (1) **bulky item** per week (maximum of 75 pounds). Place at curb with trash on Mondays. For additional information, contact Public Works or visit our website: [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org).

Need to recycle electronics or appliances? MRC (Midwest Recycling Center) offers recycling for St. Louis area residents. Call or visit their website for details and drop off locations: **(314) 200-9017** or **[www.midwrc.net](http://www.midwrc.net)**.

## BRIDGE CLOSURE NOTICE

The Board of Aldermen approved a request by the City of Sunset Hills for closure of the Old Gravois Road Bridge on **Saturday, March 28 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** for their 1st Annual Bunny Hop 5k Run.



**ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT**

**Trivia Night**

The Fenton Police will be hosting a Trivia Night to support Missouri Special Olympics. This epic event will take place on **Friday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Fenton American Legion. Entry is \$15 and includes games and silent auction. Contact Officers Dilks or Weston at (636) 349-8120 to reserve your spot.



**Bicycle Helmets**

As the spring weather approaches, many children and adults will be riding bicycles in area parks and streets. Bicycle helmets are an essential element to bicycle safety. Together with the City of Fenton, we will be giving away helmets to children of any St. Louis County resident. Please call the Fenton Precinct from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to schedule an appointment for a helmet fitting.

**Radar Trailer**

Do you think cars are driving a little too fast on your subdivision street? You can request Fenton Police's radar trailer to be deployed to give your neighbors a friendly flashing LED reminder to slow down. Contact the Precinct with your request.

**Neighborhood Policing Officer: Officer Aaron Dilks**  
**(636) 349-8120, ext. 1123**  
**Precinct Phone (636) 349-8120**



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER ...**

Just a friendly reminder that per Section 225.020 of the Municipal Code, all solid waste containers (including recycling containers) shall only be placed at the curb on the day of collection. Please remember to remove your trash and recycling containers from the curb the day of collection.

**APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

April is Safe Digging Month nationwide. Missouri law requires that any person making or beginning any excavation notify Missouri One Call System at least three but not more than ten working days in advance except in case of emergency to have your facilities marked. It's easy! Call or complete an online request prior to any digging or excavating—this includes gardening!

**1-800-DIG-RITE or 811 or www.mo1call.com**

**FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Fenton Historical Society  
 Spring Luncheon  
 Saturday, April 18th, 2015**

Our annual Spring Luncheon will be at a new location this year—Andre's West Banquet Facilities located at 211 S. Old Highway 141 in Olde Towne Fenton. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. **Luncheon tickets are \$20.00 and are available by advanced purchase only! Reservations Deadline is Friday, April 3.**



**FREE Antique Appraisal**  
 (limit 2 items)  
**Silent Auction**  
**Quilt Raffle**



For more information, call Patty Hunt at (314) 631-2922, Museum at (636) 326-0808, or email [fentonhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:fentonhistory@hotmail.com).

The Monthly meeting of the Fenton Historical Society will be Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at #1 Church Street, Olde Towne Fenton. For more information, contact us at: **www.fentonhistory.com ♦ (636) 326-0808**

Spring is coming! And along with it—Spring Cleaning! Don't forget that you need to obtain a permit from City Hall for all Garage Sales or Yard Sales. **There is no charge for this permit.** We will also provide you with sign regulations and any other necessary information.



***“No winter lasts forever;  
 no spring skips its turn.”***

— Hal Borland

**ESTIMATED SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

“A” Sales Tax Summary		“B” (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$299,866	\$97,902 (32.6%)	\$256,821	\$253,489 (98.7%)	\$556,688	\$351,391 (63.1%)

Please remember that January and February sales tax income posts to the previous year.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### UPCOMING PROGRAM OFFERINGS

For detailed information, including program fees and registration requirements, please call RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067 or visit our website at [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org).

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### T-BALL/COACH PITCH LEAGUES

Session I: May 2 – June 20

Session II: July 11 – August 22

#### BEGINNER'S BASEBALL

April 4, 11, 18

Level I (ages 3-5)

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Level II (ages 6-8)

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.



#### TAO KWON DO

Session starts: March 31

For ages 6 and up. For general info, please visit [www.stltkd.com](http://www.stltkd.com)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### SUMMER CAMP 2015

Registration begins March 2. Earlybird special pricing through March 31.

#### SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Wednesday, April 8. Lunch will be a home made chicken salad sandwich. Price is \$6.50/person; registration required.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Fenton City Park; sponsored by SSM St. Clare Health Center



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[www.facebook.com/FentonFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/FentonFarmersMarket)



LOOKING FOR  
A SUMMER JOB?

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### D.I.P. (DROP IN PICKLEBALL)

Monday through Thursday until April 30.

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – beginner play

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – advanced play

#### HIGH INTENSITY CIRCUIT TRAINING

Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

#### GROUP CYCLING

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings

Tuesday and Thursday evenings

#### MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND COED SOFTBALL

Leagues begin in early April.

Register your team now!

Must be at least 18 years old.



#### ADULT KI AIKIDO

Session starts: March 30 (Classes are held Monday, Thursday and Saturday)

For ages 16 and up.

### OLDE TOWNE FARMERS MARKET

The Olde Towne Farmers Market is now accepting vendor applications for 2015 season. Market is located in the Olde Towne Pavilion, 200 Gravois Road, Fenton, MO 63026 and is open Saturdays, from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m., May through October. Sponsored by SSM St. Clare Medical Center. Please call Kate Buemi at (636) 343-0067 for more information or email at [kbuemi@fentonmo.org](mailto:kbuemi@fentonmo.org).

### COMMUNITY INDOOR GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Register to be a part of the largest sale yet at RiverChase! Reserve a 6 ft. x 3 ft. table and sell anything from toys to crafts. Event is open to the public. Reserve more than one table to sell more! Fee: \$19/table for Resident or Member. \$22/table all others. Contact RiverChase for details, exclusions, and other information: (636) 343-0067.

**Look no further! RiverChase is now hiring for the following summer positions:**

Front Desk — Pool Booth — Yoga Instructor  
Personal Trainer — Concession Stand  
Swim Lessons — Summer Camp  
Park Concession Stand (age 21+)

Apply in person at RiverChase or download an application from our website: [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org)

## DECISIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

### DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved sending letters to property owners whose parcels have been included or removed from the floodplain map.
- ✓ Approved the 2019 Capital Plan.
- ✓ Approved waiving the requirement to seek formal bids for the Crosswalk Signalization per the 2012 RTP Grant and to purchase same under a Cooperative Purchase Contract.
- ✓ Approved seeking bids for asphalt material to construct Phase 2 of the 2012 RTP Grant.
- ✓ Approved seeking bids for a contractor to provide asphalt paving operations to construct Phase 2 of the 2012 RTP Grant.
- ✓ Approved an increase in charges by SunGard Public Sector for hardware and software support and maintenance for the City's financial software in accordance with the terms and procedures of the agreement between the City and SunGard Public Sector for software license, sale and installation of equipment and support and maintenance services and to authorize the Mayor to take any action necessary to approve such increase.
- ✓ Approved seeking proposals for Court Software.
- ✓ Approved seeking bids for the Concrete Street Slab and Sidewalk Replacement Project and to provide a renewal option on the agreement for an additional two (2) one-year terms.
- ✓ Approved the City Clerk/Manager's attendance at the annual Master Academy/Spring Institute March 8—12, 2015 in Columbia, Missouri.
- ✓ Approved holding the 2015 Appreciation Dinner at RiverChase on June 14, 2015 with Andre's catering the event.
- ✓ Approved request from the City of Sunset Hills to close the Gravois Road Bridge on Saturday, March 28, 2015 for their First Annual Buny Hop 5K Run from 7:45 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

### ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#3489** Ord. approving a Contract with TAPCO for the purchase of a Pushbutton Activated Crosswalk System.
- ✓ **#3490** Ord. authorizing the City to execute a first amendment to the Agreement with The Brain Mill, Inc. for Information Technology Services, to renew the Agreement and authorize one additional one-year term at the City's option.
- ✓ **#3491** Ord. amending Ord. #2791—Financial Policies Manual related to the City's Debt Management Policy.
- ✓ **#3492** Ord. approving a one-year Agreement, with a City option to renew for three additional two-year terms between the City and Christian Disposal, LLC D/B/A Christian Environmental Services for Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection and Disposal Services.



- ✓ **#3493** Ord. amending Article III, "Fire Prevention Code" of Chapter 500 of the Municipal Code by amending the title of Article III, repealing Sections 500.090 and 500.100 in their entirety, and enacting a new Section 500.090, "Additional Residential Fire Prevention".

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Long intended to sell parcels of land and create a house-based neighborhood. After two years, however, only two parcels of land had been sold and the Longs returned across the Meramec to 'civilization'. Long had named his 'town' Fenton after his Welsh grandmother, Elizabeth Fenton Bennett. The names "Long" and "Sappington" are well rooted in the history of America as well as the history of Fenton. William Lindsay Long's father, John Long, was a Captain in the American Revolution (in Virginia) and his wife's father, John Sappington, was a Sergeant in the 13th Virginia Regiment and was a body guard for General George Washington during Valley Forge.

I will continue our history in the next edition, but I thought it was important to see the great pioneer spirit that was part of our founders' pasts.

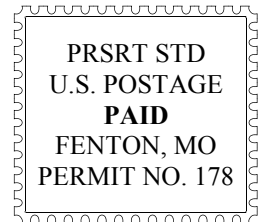
I am sad to announce the passing of a 'pioneer' woman in Fenton: Frances Josephine Pickles (nee Schroeder). A longtime resident of Fenton, she was a member of the Board of Aldermen, a position she held for sixteen years. On behalf of our City, I offer condolences to her daughter Victoria and son Eric and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A recent update on Fenton Logistics Park (the former Chrysler site) indicates that construction should begin in May!

Wishing you a Happy Spring (finally) and a Blessed Easter season!

Your friend, Mayor Mike

**CITY OF FENTON**  
**625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD**  
**FENTON, MO 63026**



**Deliver by Saturday, March 21, 2015**

## APRIL

Thur	Apr 2	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Thur	Apr 2	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church Street)
Mon	Apr 6	6:30 PM	Park Board (City Hall)
Wed	Apr 8	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thur	Apr 9	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Apr 13	5:30 PM	Municipal Court – Plea Date
Tue	Apr 21	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment
Thur	Apr 23	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
Mon	Apr 27	5:30 PM	Municipal Court – Trial Date

All meetings of the Board and Commissions in the City of Fenton are open to the public. The City will provide reasonable accommodations for any meeting when requested to do so 48 hours in advance. To request assistance contact:  
(636) 343-2080 (VOICE) or  
Relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966 (TDD).

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